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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 **SAN JOSE DIVISION**

11 DIRECTV, INC., a California corporation,  
12 Plaintiff,  
13 v.  
14 DINO CAMUS; DAVID LU; EVELYN  
CHEUNG; JOSEPH CASTELLO,  
15 Defendants.

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**COMPLAINT FOR COMPENSATORY,  
STATUTORY AND OTHER DAMAGES, AND  
FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

Plaintiff, DIRECTV, Inc. ("DIRECTV"), hereby complains as follows with respect to its claims arising under federal question jurisdiction 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

**NATURE OF THIS CASE**

1. DIRECTV is the nation's leading direct broadcast satellite system, delivering over 225 channels of television and other programming to more than 10 million homes and businesses in the United States. DIRECTV's television programming currently includes major cable networks, studio movies and special events programming, as well as a variety of sports and other special interest programming. DIRECTV, a California company, has invested more than \$1.25 billion to develop its direct broadcast satellite system.

2. DIRECTV encrypts – electronically scrambles – its satellite transmissions to provide security for and prevent unauthorized viewing of its satellite television programming. DIRECTV

1 offers its television programming to residential and business customers on a subscription and pay-per-  
2 view basis only. Each customer is required to obtain a DIRECTV Access Card and other system  
3 hardware (including a small satellite dish) and create an account with DIRECTV. Upon activation of  
4 the Access Card by DIRECTV, the customer can receive and view in a decrypted format (*i.e.*,  
5 unscrambled) those channels to which the customer has subscribed or otherwise made arrangement to  
6 purchase from DIRECTV.

7       3.      On November 29, 2001, DIRECTV executed Writs of Seizure, with the assistance of  
8 the U.S. Marshal Service, in the matter of DIRECTV v. Derek Trone (hereinafter “Trone”) et al, Civil  
9 Action No. SA CV 01-370 DOC (ANx), in the United States District Court for the Central District of  
10 California. During and subsequent to the raids, DIRECTV came into possession of a substantial body  
11 of sales records, shipping records, email communications, credit card receipts, and other DSS Pro  
12 records. Those records evidence Defendants’ purchases of illegal Pirate Access Devices from DSS  
13 Pro. In reliance upon those records and other information, and upon information and belief,  
14 DIRECTV sets forth the allegations in this Complaint.

15       4.     Each defendant is a resident of this District. DIRECTV alleges that each defendant has  
16 purchased and used illegally modified DIRECTV Access Cards and other devices (“Pirate Access  
17 Devices”) that are designed to permit viewing of DIRECTV’s television programming without  
18 authorization by or payment to DIRECTV.

19       5.     Each defendant's activities violate federal telecommunication and wiretapping laws and  
20 common law. Specifically, each defendant's actions violate the Federal Communications Act of 1934,  
21 as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 605 and the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (Federal Wiretap  
22 Laws), 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510-2521. As a result of each defendant's decision to obtain Pirate Access  
23 Devices and the detrimental impact that such activities have on the company, DIRECTV brings this  
24 action seeking damages and injunctive relief against each defendant's continued possession and/or use  
25 of Pirate Access Devices.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

27       6.      This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a),  
28 47 U.S.C. § 605(e)(3)(A) and 18 U.S.C. § 2520(a) because the claims in this action arise under the

1 Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 605 and the Electronic  
2 Communications Privacy Act (Federal Wiretap Laws), 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510-2521.

3 7. This Court may exercise supplemental jurisdiction pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) over  
4 the state law claims asserted herein.

5 8. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) because each defendant is a  
6 resident of this district and is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district.

7 **INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

8 9. Assignment of this action to the San Jose Division of the United States District Court  
9 for the Northern District of California is proper pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-2(c) and Civil Local  
10 Rule 3-2(e) because the events which give rise to the claims in this action occurred in the county of  
11 Santa Clara.

12 **PARTIES**

13 10. Plaintiff DIRECTV, Inc. is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State  
14 of California. DIRECTV has significant interests in maintaining and securing the integrity of its  
15 satellite transmissions of television programming, and in prohibiting the unauthorized reception and  
16 use of the same.

17 11. Defendant DINO CAMUS is a resident of San Jose, California. Upon information and  
18 belief, beginning in or about October 2001, Defendant DINO CAMUS purchased one or more Pirate  
19 Access Devices from DSS Pro. Defendant DINO CAMUS placed each order by using interstate or  
20 foreign wire facilities, and received Defendant's orders via the United States Postal Service or  
21 commercial mail carriers. Specifically, these illegal purchases included the following transaction:

22 (a) On or about October 30, 2001, Defendant DINO CAMUS purchased a Pirate  
23 Access Device, consisting of a printed circuit board device called a "Terminator Bootloader," from  
24 DSS Pro. The device was shipped to Defendant DINO CAMUS at Defendant's address in San Jose,  
25 California.

26 12. Defendant DAVID LU is a resident of Cupertino, California. Upon information belief,  
27 beginning in or about August 2001, Defendant DAVID LU purchased one or more Pirate Access  
28 Devices from DSS Pro. Defendant DAVID LU placed each order by using interstate or foreign wire

1 facilities, and received Defendant's orders via the United States Postal Service or commercial mail  
2 carriers. Specifically, these illegal purchases included the following transaction:

3 (a) On or about August 24, 2001, Defendant DAVID LU purchased a Pirate Access  
4 Device, consisting of a printed circuit board device known as a "Terminator Bootloader," from DSS  
5 Pro. The device was shipped to Defendant DAVID LU at Defendant's address in Cupertino,  
6 California.

7 13. Defendant EVELYN CHEUNG is a resident of San Jose, California. Upon information  
8 and belief, beginning in or about February 2001, Defendant EVELYN CHEUNG purchased one or  
9 more Pirate Access Devices from DSS Pro. Defendant EVELYN CHEUNG placed each order by  
10 using interstate or foreign wire facilities, and received Defendant's orders via the United States Postal  
11 Service or commercial mail carriers. Specifically, these illegal purchases included the following  
12 transaction:

13 (a) On or about February 28, 2001, Defendant EVELYN CHEUNG purchased a  
14 Pirate Access Device called an "AtMel Su2BS Chip," consisting of a preprogrammed chip primarily  
15 designed to illegally modify DIRECTV Access Cards, from DSS Pro. The device was shipped to  
16 Defendant EVELYN CHEUNG at Defendant's former address in San Jose, California.

17 14. Defendant JOSEPH CASTELLO is a resident of San Jose, California. Upon  
18 information and belief, beginning in or about March 2001, Defendant JOSEPH CASTELLO  
19 purchased one or more Pirate Access Devices from DSS Pro. Defendant JOSEPH CASTELLO placed  
20 each order by using interstate or foreign wire facilities, and received Defendant's orders via the United  
21 States Postal Service or commercial mail carriers. Specifically, these illegal purchases included the  
22 following transaction:

23 (a) On or about March 24, 2001, Defendant JOSEPH CASTELLO two (2) Pirate  
24 Access Devices, consisting of: one (1) printed circuit board device called a "Fusion;" and one (1)  
25 printed circuit board device called a "Terminator Bootloader," from DSS Pro. The devices were  
26 shipped to Defendant JOSEPH CASTELLO at Defendant's business address in Santa Clara,  
27 California.

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## **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

## UNAUTHORIZED RECEPTION OF SATELLITE SIGNALS

**IN VIOLATION OF 47 U.S.C. § 605(a)**

**(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

15. Plaintiff DIRECTV realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

16. Each defendant has received and assisted others in receiving DIRECTV's satellite transmissions of television programming without authorization, in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 605(a).

17. Each defendant's violations have injured and will continue to injure DIRECTV by depriving DIRECTV of subscription and pay-per-view revenues and other valuable consideration, compromising DIRECTV's security and accounting systems, infringing DIRECTV's trade secrets and proprietary information, and interfering with DIRECTV's contractual and prospective business relations.

18. Each defendant knew or should have known that receiving and assisting third persons in receiving DIRECTV's satellite transmissions of television programming without authorization by or payment to DIRECTV was and is illegal and prohibited. Such violations have caused and will continue to cause DIRECTV irreparable harm, and DIRECTV has no adequate remedy at law to redress any such continued violations. Unless restrained by this Court, each defendant will continue to violate 47 U.S.C. § 605(a).

## **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

## **UNAUTHORIZED INTERCEPTION OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**IN VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(a)**

**(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

19. Plaintiff DIRECTV realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

20. By using Pirate Access Devices to decrypt and view DIRECTV's satellite transmissions of television programming, each defendant intentionally intercepted, endeavored to intercept, or procured other persons to intercept or endeavor to intercept, DIRECTV's satellite

1 transmission of television programming, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(a).

2 21. Each defendant's violations have injured and will continue to injure DIRECTV by  
3 depriving DIRECTV of subscription and pay-per-view revenues and other valuable consideration,  
4 compromising DIRECTV's security and accounting systems, infringing DIRECTV's trade secrets and  
5 proprietary information, and interfering with DIRECTV's contractual and prospective business  
6 relations.

7 22. Each defendant knew or should have known that such interception of DIRECTV's  
8 satellite transmissions of television programming was and is illegal and prohibited. Such violations  
9 have caused and will continue to cause DIRECTV irreparable harm, and DIRECTV has no adequate  
10 remedy at law to redress any such continued violations. Unless restrained by this Court, each  
11 defendant will continue to violate 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(a).

12 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **POSSESSION OF PIRATE ACCESS DEVICES**

14 **IN VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C. § 2512(1)(b)**

15 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

16 23. Plaintiff DIRECTV realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in  
17 the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

18 24. Each defendant has used Pirate Access Devices to decrypt and view DIRECTV's  
19 satellite transmissions of television programming, with intent to avoid payment of the lawful charges  
20 therefore, by trick, artifice, deception, use of a device or decoder, and other fraudulent means, without  
21 authority from DIRECTV, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2512(1)(b).

22 25. Each defendant has possessed and used Pirate Access Devices, with intent to avoid  
23 payment to DIRECTV of the lawful charges for its programming, that are designed in whole or in part  
24 to receive subscription television services offered for sale by DIRECTV, without authority of  
25 DIRECTV, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2512(1)(b).

26 26. Each defendant's violations have injured and will continue to injure DIRECTV by  
27 depriving DIRECTV of subscription and pay-per-view revenues and other valuable consideration,  
28 compromising DIRECTV's security and accounting systems, infringing DIRECTV's trade secrets and

proprietary information, and interfering with DIRECTV's contractual and prospective business relations.

27. Each defendant knew or should have known that possessing Pirate Access Devices was and is illegal and prohibited. Such violations have caused and will continue to cause DIRECTV irreparable harm, and DIRECTV has no adequate remedy at law to redress any such continued violations. Unless restrained by this Court, each defendant will continue to violate 18 U.S.C. § 2512(1)(b).

## **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**WILLFUL ASSEMBLY OR MODIFICATION OF DEVICES OR EQUIPMENT**

**IN VIOLATION OF 47 U.S.C. § 605(e)(4)**

**(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

28. Plaintiff DIRECTV realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

29. Upon information and belief, Defendants knowingly, manufactured, assembled, or modified an electronic, mechanical or other device or equipment knowing, or having reason to know, that the device or equipment is used primarily in the assistance of the unauthorized decryption of Satellite Programming, or direct-to-home satellite services, or is intended for any other prohibited activity. Upon information and belief, Defendants actively programmed and reprogrammed DIRECTV Access Cards and designed electronic systems for use in surreptitiously obtaining DIRECT Satellite Programming. Further, by removing and inserting Pirate Access Devices and/or inserting illegally programmed Access Cards into valid DIRECTV Receivers, Defendants engaged in the unlawful assembly and/or modification of devices primarily of assistance in the unauthorized decryption of Satellite Programming.

30. Such conduct by each Defendant violates 47 U.S.C. § 605(e)(4) and such activity entitles DIRECTV to statutory damages in a sum not less than \$10,000 or more than \$100,000, as the Court considers just for each violation, 47 U.S.C. § 605(e)(3)(C)(i)(II).

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31. DIRECTV is a person aggrieved by the Defendants' independent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 605 and is authorized to institute this action against the Defendants pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 605 (e)(3)(A).

## **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

## CONVERSION

**(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

32. Plaintiff DIRECTV realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

33. By possessing and using Pirate Access Devices, each defendant has unlawfully converted to their own use and benefit property belonging to DIRECTV.

34. Such conversion was done intentionally and wrongfully by each defendant to deprive DIRECTV of its proprietary interests and for each defendant's direct benefit and advantage.

35. As a direct and proximate result of each defendant's unlawful acts, DIRECTV has suffered and continues to suffer damages, including lost subscription and pay-per-view revenues and other valuable consideration.

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff DIRECTV requests that this Court grant the following relief:

(1) Find the defendants' conduct in possessing and using Pirate Access Devices violates 47 U.S.C. § 605(a) and (e)(4), 18 U.S.C. §§ 2511(1)(a) and 2512(1)(b), and California common law, and further find that defendants' violations were willful, malicious or for a tortious or illegal purpose;

(2) In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 605(e)(3)(B)(i) and 18 U.S.C. § 2520(b)(1), enjoin and restrain each defendant, and persons controlled directly and indirectly by each defendant, from possessing or using Pirate Access Devices, and further order each defendant to surrender all Pirate Access Devices;

(3) In the event of a default, an award of statutory damages of \$10,000 for each Pirate Access Device used and possessed in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2520(c)(2) and 47 U.S.C. § 605(e)(4), and a further award of DIRECTV's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit;

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(4) In the event of trial, an award of either (a) statutory damages in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 605(e)(3)(C)(i)(II) and 18 U.S.C. § 2520(c)(2), or (b) compensatory and punitive damages in accordance with 605(e)(3)(C)(i)(I), 18 U.S.C. § 2520(c)(2), and California common law; and DIRECTV's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 605(e)(3)(B)(iii), and 18 U.S.C. § 2520(b)(3);

(5) For such additional relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

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